

COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE
TRANSPORTATION AND LAND MANAGEMENT AGENCY

George A. Johnson · Agency Director

Planning Department

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March 24, 2010

SUBJECT: Resolution No. 2010-091 Authorizing the Planning Department to Submit a Grant Application to the California Department of Parks and Recreation

SECTION: Development Review – Riverside Office

TO: Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
FROM: Planning Department

The attached item(s) require the following action(s) by the Board of Supervisors:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Place on Administrative Action <small>(Receive & File; EOT)</small> | <input type="checkbox"/> Set for Hearing <small>(Legislative Action Required; CZ, GPA, SP, SPA)</small> |
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PLEASE SCHEDULE FOR THE APRIL 6, 2010 BOARD HEARING

Clerk Of The Board

Please charge your time to case number(s): ZPL7613

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Resolution

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**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



FROM: TLMA - Planning Department

SUBMITTAL DATE:
March 15, 2010

SUBJECT: Adoption of Resolution No. 2010-091 Authorizing the Planning Department to Submit a Grant Application to the California Department of Parks and Recreation

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors adopt Resolution No. 2010-091, which authorizes Planning to sign and submit a grant application to the California Department of Parks and Recreation, Division of Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) for \$205,000 to prepare the required documents and conduct the necessary environmental analysis to develop an Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Recreation Park.

BACKGROUND: Riverside County has limited legal Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) areas available for public use. Consequently, illegal riding has adversely affected not only lands designated for conservation, but also properties that may contain cultural resources as well as special-status plants and animals. By developing a managed OHV recreation park, County residents and visitors will be able to have a quality OHV experience while conserving and protecting cultural and biological resources. Furthermore, by providing a legal and accessible OHV riding area, Riverside County can then enforce current and future laws that will improve quality of life for residents as well as increase the recreational opportunities for OHV users.

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Planning Director

FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ N/A	In Current Year Budget:	N/A
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ N/A	Budget Adjustment:	N/A
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ N/A	For Fiscal Year:	2009/10

SOURCE OF FUNDS: N/A	Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Requires 4/5 Vote	<input type="checkbox"/>

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

County Executive Office Signature

FORM APPROVED COUNSEL DATE
 BY: LARISA R-MCKENNA 3/24/10
 Departmental Concurrence

Policy
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 Consent
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Dept't Recomm.:
 Per Exec. Ofc.:

Prev. Agn. Ref.: | **District:** All | **Agenda Number:**

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors

RE: Adoption of Resolution No. 2010-091 Authorizing the Planning Department to Submit a Grant Application to the California Department of Parks and Recreation

March 15, 2010

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BACKGROUND (continued):

On March 21, 2006, the Board of Supervisors established a five member OHV Commission in response to the needs of the OHV community in Riverside County. The Commission's purpose is to advise and make recommendations to the Board concerning (1) identification of candidate sites for OHV use, (2) input on related site acquisition issues, and (3) public outreach for educational and informational purposes. Initially, the Commission recommended three sites for further assessment; however, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has offered to lease one site at no cost pending submittal and approval of a draft site development plan. This site, known as "Drop 31," is adjacent to the All American Canal, also known as the Coachella Canal, which irrigates farming areas to the west. Access to the area is from 72nd Avenue in the community of North Shore with a crossing at Drop 31.

Planning is requesting authorization to submit a planning proposal to OHMVR Division to prepare the required BLM documents for the development of an OHV park on public and private lands and to conduct the associated environmental analysis to determine potential environmental impacts resulting from project development and appropriate mitigation measures to reduce identified impacts to less than significant levels.

The California Department of Parks and Recreation is currently accepting applications for the 2009/10 OHV Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program. The current application will begin Phase II of the County's efforts to develop a multiple use OHV Recreation Park. The grant application will be matched by existing Planning staff time as well as in-kind services by the OHV Commissioners. In addition, discussions are underway with the Economic Development Agency (EDA) to acquire the private property that is surrounded by the aforementioned BLM land. Planning will search for future grant opportunities for construction and long-term maintenance and operation of the OHV Recreation Park.

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-091

**AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF A GRANT APPLICATION
FOR CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
DIVISION OF OFF-HIGHWAY MOTOR VEHICLE RECREATION FUNDS**

WHEREAS, The people of the State of California have enacted the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Act of 2003, which provides funds to the State of California and its political subdivisions for, Planning Projects, Acquisition Projects, Development Projects, Conservation Projects, Facilities Operation and Maintenance Projects, Law Enforcement Projects, OHV Safety and/or Education Program Projects, Restoration Projects and Trail Maintenance Projects for off-highway vehicle recreation; and

WHEREAS, the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division with the California Department of Parks and Recreation has been delegated the responsibility to administer the program; and

WHEREAS, procedures established by the California Department of Parks and Recreation require the Applicant's Governing Body to certify by resolution the approval of the Application, attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit A, to apply for Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Grant funds; and

WHEREAS, this Project, as described in Exhibit A, appears on, or is in conformance with this jurisdiction's adopted general or master plan and is compatible with the land use plans of those jurisdictions immediately surrounding the Project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Riverside County Board of Supervisors hereby:

1. Approves the filing of an Application(s) for an Off-Highway Vehicle Grant; and
2. Certifies that Riverside County understands its legal obligations to the State upon approval of the Grant; and
3. Certifies that Riverside County understands the California Public Resources Code requirement that acquisition and development of Projects be maintained to specific conservation standards; and

FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL
BY: *[Signature]* DATE: 3/24/10
OF: ANITA FARMINGTON

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- 4. Certifies that the Project will be well-maintained during its useful life; and
- 5. Certifies that Riverside County will implement the Project with diligence once funds are available and once the Applicant has reviewed, understands, and agrees with the Project Agreement; and
- 6. Certifies that the County will provide the required Matching Funds (as applicable) in the event that it accepts the award; and
- 7. Certifies that the public and adjacent property owners have been notified of this Project, as applicable and as presented in Exhibit B attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference; and
- 8. Appoints the Planning Director, or designee, as agent to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit documents including, but not limited to, Pre-Applications, Grant Letter of Intent, Grant Renewal and Grant Amendment in accordance with Riverside County Board Policy A-30, which may be necessary for completion of the Project.

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A. Statement of Planning Objectives

The Riverside County Planning Department is submitting a planning proposal to prepare the required Bureau of Land Management (BLM) documents for development of a multiple use Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Recreation Park on public and private lands and to conduct the associated environmental analysis. Presently, Riverside County has limited legal OHV areas available for public use. Consequently, illegal riding has adversely affected not only lands designated for conservation, but also properties that may contain special-status plants and animals. Likewise, the impact on cultural resources as a result of illegal OHV use in some areas has resulted in negative impacts and destruction of these resources. By developing managed OHV recreation parks, County residents and visitors will be able to have a quality OHV experience while conserving and protecting cultural and biological resources. Furthermore, by providing a legal and accessible OHV riding area, Riverside County can then enforce current and future laws that will improve quality of life for residents as well as increase the recreational opportunities for OHV users. The project would fund the preparation of a draft site development plan and assess resource concerns to determine potential environmental impacts resulting from project development and appropriate mitigation measures to reduce identified impacts to less than significant levels.

B. Relation of Proposed Project to OHV Recreation

Statistics indicate Riverside County accounts for 96,034 off-highway registrations, 8.7% of the total State's registrations, and ranks third in California behind Los Angeles and San Diego Counties; however, Riverside County ranks seventh in the amount of funding received due to its limited legal OHV riding areas. Riverside County received \$46,389.82 whereas San Bernardino County, ranking fourth in the State for registered OHV's, received \$141,876.42 – more than triple the amount of funds while having 6,249 fewer registered vehicles. Imperial County, ranking 25th in the State for registered OHV's, ranks first in the amount of funds received due to large OHV riding areas available within that County.

On March 21, 2006, the Board of Supervisors established a five member OHV Commission to address the needs of the OHV community in Riverside County. The Commission's purpose is to advise and make recommendations to the Board concerning (1) identification of candidate sites for OHV use, (2) input on related site acquisition issues, and (3) public outreach for educational and informational purposes.

The Commission reviewed areas within the County focusing on larger parcels that could be combined with publicly owned properties thereby creating a buffer from nearby land uses and eliminated the following areas from consideration:

- incorporated cities/spheres of influence;
- areas within the community development foundation of the General Plan;
- areas within adopted Habitat Conservation Plans;
- national parks and forests;
- wilderness areas;
- military lands;
- tribal reservations;
- areas under consideration in H.R. 3682/ S. 2109; and,
- areas under multiple ownership.

Based on the above criteria, the Commission recommended three sites for further assessment; however, BLM has offered to lease one site at no cost pending submittal and approval of a draft site development plan, to include:

- (a) A statement of the proposed use of lands, a detailed description of the proposed project and a statement describing administration of the tract.
- (b) The anticipated expenditure for development (including source of funds to be used for development).

(c) A map showing the nature and location of facilities, land ownership of the entire project, and access routes. A professionally prepared site plan by a planner or architect is not usually required, but is encouraged and recommended as a means to ensure feasibility of the proposal, both functionally and economically.

This site, known as "Drop 31" is adjacent to the All American Canal, also known as the Coachella Canal, which irrigates the farming areas to the west. Access to the area is from 72nd Avenue in the community of North Shore with a crossing at Drop 31. The site is located adjacent to the North Shore Redevelopment areas and development of a multiple use OHV Recreation Park will further benefit the local communities by bringing revenues to an economically depressed area.

The area has varying topography, with elevation changes in excess of 300 vertical feet, ranging from level desert to canyons, rocky areas and steep ravines, offering varying OHV experiences at multiple skill levels as well as family-oriented activities. Access to the historic Bradshaw Trail is to the south and links the Coachella Valley with eastern portions of the County near Blythe. Currently, BLM allows OHV usage of the site; however, no facilities are available and trails are not marked or maintained. Current zoning also allows for OHV usage and the General Plan designates the area as open space - rural, allowing OHV use.

Types of uses envisioned for this park include:

- Safety Training
- Motorcycles
- ATV
- Rock Crawling
- Trail Riding
- Improved Camping
- Unimproved Camping

The majority of the land within this area is owned by the BLM, comprising approximately 1,500 acres. In addition, a 640-acre privately-owned parcel will be acquired by the County using Economic Development funds. Significant buffers from any residential areas exist due to BLM ownership of several thousand acres to the north, east and south of the site, the Mecca Hills Wilderness to the north and the All American Canal to the west. The closest residential area is more than ½ mile to the southwest. The area is currently used for non-organized OHV usage with few complaints from the community to the west.

In discussions with the BLM to make this area a recognized OHV Recreation Park, BLM would provide the land and the County would provide additional lands, facilities, park maintenance, improved access to the area and multiple levels of camping facilities. By developing an OHV recreation park at this location, residents of Riverside as well as San Bernardino Counties will have a multi-use area that is within 70 miles of three of the top five Counties for OHV registered vehicles within the State.

C. Statement of Activities

Project funding will off-set project specific activities which include:

- (1) Preparation of a draft site development plan which meets the above listed BLM requirements.
- (2) Biological and cultural resource assessments along BLM designated OHV routes and existing, unidentified OHV routes.
- (3) Preparation of the appropriate NEPA/CEQA document for public review and comment.

D. List of Reports

Biological Resources Assessment

Cultural Resources Assessment

Draft Site Development Plan

NEPA/CEQA Document

Additional Documentation

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1. Timeline for Completion

Attachments:

Schedule of Activities

2. Optional Project-Specific Application Documents

Attachments:

Photos of Drop 31 area

3. Optional Project-specific Maps

Attachments:

Existing OHV routes in the Drop 31 area

Project Cost Estimate

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APPLICANT NAME :	Riverside County Planning Department, OHV Commission					
PROJECT TITLE :	Planning	PROJECT NUMBER (Division use only) :	G09-03-36-P01			
PROJECT TYPE :	<input type="checkbox"/> Acquisition <input type="checkbox"/> Law Enforcement <input type="checkbox"/> Development <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Planning <input type="checkbox"/> Education & Safety <input type="checkbox"/> Restoration <input type="checkbox"/> Ground Operations					
PROJECT DESCRIPTION :	The Riverside County Planning Department is submitting a planning proposal to prepare the required Bureau of Land Management (BLM) documents for development of a multiple use Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Recreation Park on public and private lands and to conduct the associated environmental analysis. Presently, Riverside County has limited legal OHV areas available for public use. Consequently, illegal riding has adversely affected not only lands designated for conservation, but also properties that may contain special-status plants and animals. Likewise, the impact on cultural resources as a result of illegal OHV use in some areas has resulted in negative impacts and destruction of these resources. By developing managed OHV recreation parks, County residents and visitors will be able to have a quality OHV experience while conserving and protecting cultural and biological resources. Furthermore, by providing a legal and accessible OHV riding area, Riverside County can then enforce current and future laws that will improve quality of life for residents as well as increase the recreational opportunities for OHV users. The project would fund the preparation of a draft site development plan and assess resource concerns to determine potential environmental impacts resulting from project development and appropriate mitigation measures to reduce identified impacts to less than significant levels.					
Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Grant Request	Match	Total
DIRECT EXPENSES						
Program Expenses						
1						
Staff						
Other-Urban/Regional Planner IV	872.090	172.000	HRS	0.00	149,999.00	149,999.00
Notes : Preparation & processing of NEPA/CEQA documents.						
Other-Urban/Regional Planner III	547.210	172.000	HRS	0.00	94,120.00	94,120.00
Total for Staff				0.00	244,119.00	244,119.00
Contracts						
Other-Biologist	1.000	40000.000	EA	40,000.00	0.00	40,000.00
Notes : Contractor: Biological assessment and report.						

Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Grant Request	Match	Total
Other-Archeologist Notes : Contractor: Archeological survey and report.	1.000	40000.000	EA	40,000.00	0.00	40,000.00
Other-Engineer Notes : Contractor: Draft site development plan.	1.000	125000.000	EA	125,000.00	0.00	125,000.00
Total for Contracts				205,000.00	0.00	205,000.00
3 Materials / Supplies						
4 Equipment Use Expenses						
5 Equipment Purchases						
6 Others						
Other-Land Notes : EDA: Land Acquisition	1.000	1000000.000	EA	0.00	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00
7 Indirect Costs						
Indirect Costs-OHV Commission	5.000	2700.000	EA	0.00	13,500.00	13,500.00
Total Program Expenses				205,000.00	1,257,619.00	1,462,619.00
TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES				205,000.00	1,257,619.00	1,462,619.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES				205,000.00	1,257,619.00	1,462,619.00

Line Item	Grant Request	Match	Total	Narrative
DIRECT EXPENSES				
Program Expenses				
1 Staff	0.00	244,119.00	244,119.00	
2 Contracts	205,000.00	0.00	205,000.00	
3 Materials / Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00	
4 Equipment Use Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	
5 Equipment Purchases	0.00	0.00	0.00	
6 Others	0.00	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	
7 Indirect Costs	0.00	13,500.00	13,500.00	
Total Program Expenses	205,000.00	1,257,619.00	1,462,619.00	
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Environmental Review Data Sheet (ERDS)

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ITEM 1 and ITEM 2

ITEM 1

- a. ITEM 1 - Has a CEQA Notice of Determination (NOD) been filed for the Project? Yes No
(Please select Yes or No)

ITEM 2

- b. Does the proposed Project include a request for funding for CEQA and/or NEPA document preparation prior to implementing the remaining Project Deliverables (i.e., is it a two-phased Project pursuant to Section 4970.06.1(b)) (Please select Yes or No) Yes No

ITEM 3 - Project under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378

- c. ITEM 3 - Are the proposed activities a "Project" under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378? Yes No
(Please select Yes or No)
- d. The Application is requesting funds solely for personnel and support to enforce OHV laws and ensure public safety. These activities would not cause any physical impacts on the environment and are thus not a "Project" under CEQA. (Please select Yes or No) Yes No
- e. Other. Explain why proposed activities would not cause any physical impacts on the environment and are thus not a "Project" under CEQA. DO NOT complete ITEMS 4 – 10

ITEM 4 - Impact of this Project on Wetlands

The site proposed within this grant application has no wetlands or navigable waters; however sensitive habitats and species may exist and will be identified within the Initial Study and, if necessary to conform with CEQA, an Environmental Impact Report will be prepared to fully document all mitigations required to bring any impacts below the level of significance.

ITEM 5 - Cumulative Impacts of this Project

Environmental documents have not been completed for the site proposed within this grant application. All impacts will be determined in the Initial Study and, if necessary to conform with CEQA, an Environmental Impact Report will be prepared to fully document all mitigations required to bring any impacts below the level of significance.

ITEM 6 - Soil Impacts

The site proposed within this grant application has not been analyzed to determine impacts based upon soil characteristics. Anticipated impacts will be identified within the Initial Study and, if necessary to conform with CEQA, an Environmental Impact Report will be prepared to fully document all mitigations required to bring any impacts below the level of significance.

ITEM 7 - Damage to Scenic Resources

The site proposed within this grant application has not been analyzed to determine impacts to visual corridors. Anticipated impacts will be identified within the Initial Study and, if necessary to conform with CEQA, an Environmental Impact Report will be prepared to fully document all mitigations required to bring any impacts below the level of significance.

ITEM 8 - Hazardous Materials

Is the proposed Project Area located on a site included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code (hazardous materials)? (Please select Yes or No) Yes No

If YES, describe the location of the hazard relative to the Project site, the level of hazard and the measures to be taken to minimize or avoid the hazards.

ITEM 9 - Potential for Adverse Impacts to Historical or Cultural Resources

Would the proposed Project have potential for any substantial adverse impacts to historical or cultural resources? (Please select Yes or No) Yes No

Discuss the potential for the proposed Project to have any substantial adverse impacts to historical or cultural resources.

The site proposed within this grant application has not been analyzed to determine impacts to cultural resources. Anticipated impacts will be identified within the Initial Study and, if necessary to conform with CEQA, an Environmental Impact Report will be prepared to fully document all mitigations required to bring any impacts below the level of significance.

ITEM 10 - Indirect Significant Impacts

The site proposed within this grant application has not been analyzed to determine indirect impacts. Anticipated impacts will be identified within the Initial Study and, if necessary to conform with CEQA, an Environmental Impact Report will be prepared to fully document all mitigations required to bring any impacts below the level of significance.

CEQA/NEPA Attachment

Planning Project Criteria

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1. Project Cost Estimate - Q 1. (Auto populates from Cost Estimate)

1. As calculated on the Project Cost Estimate, the percentage of the Project costs covered by the Applicant is 10

(Note: This field will auto-populate once the Cost Estimate and Evaluation Criteria are Validated.) (Please select one from list)

76% or more (10 points)

51% - 75% (5 points)

26% - 50% (3 points)

25% (Match minimum) (No points)

2. Planning Project - Q 2.

A Planning Project - Page 1

2. The Planning Project would address the following 3

(Check all that apply) (Please select applicable values)

Potential effects of OHV Recreation on special-status species habitats

Potential effects of OHV Recreation on cultural resources

Potential effects of OHV Recreation on soil conditions

Potential effects of OHV Recreation on water quality

Potential effects of OHV Recreation on other recreation uses

Potential effects of OHV Recreation on adjacent lands.

Potential impact to relationships between OHV Recreation and local residents

Toxic or hazardous materials within a Project Area or adjacent property that may impact OHV Recreation

Trail issues such as traffic patterns, trails closures, appropriate uses, etc.

B. Planning Project - Page 2

Explain each statement that was checked

Presently, Riverside County has limited legal OHV areas available for public use. Consequently, illegal riding has adversely affected not only lands designated for conservation, but also properties that may contain special-status plants and animals. Likewise, the impact on cultural resources as a result of illegal OHV use in some areas has resulted in negative impacts and destruction of resources. By developing managed OHV recreation parks, County residents and visitors will be able to have a quality OHV experience while conserving and protecting cultural and biological resources. Furthermore, by providing a legal and accessible OHV riding area, Riverside County can then enforce current and future laws that will improve quality of life for residents as well as increase the recreational opportunities for OHV users.

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

6 or more items checked (4 points)

4 to 5 items checked (3 points)

2 to 3 items checked (2 points)

1 or no items checked (No points)

3. Motorized Access - Q 3.

3. The Project would lead to improved facilities that provide motorized access to the following nonmotorized recreation opportunities 6

(Check all that apply) Scoring: 2 points each, up to a maximum of 6 points (Please select applicable values)

Camping

Birding

- Hiking
 Fishing
 Other (Specify)
- Equestrian trails
 Rock Climbing

4. Public Input - Q 4.

4. The Project proposal was developed with public input employing the following 2

(Check all that apply) Scoring: Maximum of 2 points (Please select applicable values)

- Publicly noticed meeting(s) with the general public to discuss Project (1 point)
 Conference call(s) with interested parties (1 point)
 Meeting(s) with stakeholders (1 point)

Explain each statement that was checked

Monthly public meetings have been held with the Riverside County OHV Commission to obtain their input and direction as well as public hearings with community stakeholders to discuss community OHV needs and impacts.

5. Stakeholder Input - Q 5.

5. If the Project were approved, the planning process would incorporate substantial stakeholder input: 5

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- No (No points) Yes (5 points)

If 'Yes', explain, specifically, how it would be 'substantial'. Identify stakeholders

The development of an OHV recreation park would directly address the needs of the OHV community in Riverside County. Public hearings have been held that strongly noted the lack of OHV riding opportunities within the County and the need for a dedicated OHV recreation park that would address the multiple skill levels within the OHV community. The OHV Commission was established to advise the County on future needs and represents not only individuals, but also the OHV industry. Multiple hearings will be held throughout the County during the design phase to assure that the park, when ultimately built, meets the needs of the broader OHV community, not only families, but also those who desire more difficult OHV riding opportunities requiring multiple levels. As the process moves forward, the Commission will be there to advise and recommend changes to meet the needs of the broader OHV community.

6. Utilization of Partnerships - Q 6.

6. The Project will utilize partnerships to successfully accomplish the Project. The number of partner organizations that will participate in the Project are 4

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- 4 or more (4 points) 2 to 3 (2 points)
 1 (1 point) None (No points)

List partner organization(s)

Riverside County OHV Commission
Riverside County Economic Development Agency
Bureau of Land Management
U.S. Forest Service
National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council-NOHVCC
Off-Road Business Association-ORBA

7. Sustain OHV Opportunity - Q 7.

7. The Planning Project sustains OHV Opportunity in the following manner 8

(Check all that apply) (Please select applicable values)

- Project will develop management plans for existing OHV Opportunity (4 points)
- Project will complete environmental review for an OHV Development Project (3 points)
- Project supports development of OHV Opportunities adjacent to population centers (3 points)
- Project supports development of OHV Opportunities in areas that lack legal OHV Opportunity (2 points)
- Project will develop a system of designated OHV routes for an existing OHV Opportunity (2 points)

Explain each statement that was checked

Riverside County has limited legal OHV areas available for public use. With the development of an OHV recreation park, the County can offer not only well-designed and state-of-the-art riding venues but also create an enjoyable OHV riding experience that will lessen impacts on other areas of the County. The development of a legal OHV recreation park will allow for increased protection of critical conservation areas and reduce the destruction of cultural resources.

8. Identification of Funding Sources - Q 8.

8. Funds for implementing the completed plan have been identified 5

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- No (No points) Yes (5 points)

Explain 'Yes' response

The Board of Supervisors has expressed their desire in open session for the development of a quality OHV venue in Riverside County and established the OHV Commission to facilitate this vision. Preliminary discussions with BLM have taken place that establish their willingness to provide the public lands if the County can provide the facilities.

Reference Document

Discussion with the Bureau of Land Management (Mona Daniels, BLM Recreational Specialist and John Kalish, Field Manager of the South Coast Field Office, Palm Springs) concerning the expansion of the Meccacopia Special Recreation Management Area (http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/palmsprings/mecacopia_srma.html) and discussions at the Board of Supervisors on March 21, 2006, October 2, 2007, and December 23, 2008.

9. Offsite Impacts - Q 9.

9. The Planning Project would address offsite impacts relative to the Project Area (e.g., sound, fugitive dust, runoff): 5

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- No (No points) Yes (5 points)

Explain 'Yes' response

Anticipated impacts, including an analysis of offsite impacts, will be identified within the Initial Study and, if necessary to conform with CEQA, an Environmental Impact Report will be prepared to fully evaluate all impacts and appropriate mitigation measures to reduce identified impacts to less than significant levels.

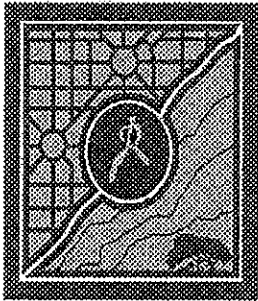
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RIVERSIDE COUNTY
PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Public Review of Off-Highway Vehicle Grant Applications

March 2, 2010

The public is invited to comment on the 2010 Grant Application the County of Riverside Planning Department has submitted to the California Department of Parks and Recreation, Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division (OHMVR). The public review period will run from Tuesday, March 2 through Monday, April 1, 2010.

The Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Grant Application is an annual process that is a key part of the partnership between Riverside County and the State of California, which issues grants to a variety of entities to improve or mitigate OHV recreation. Under this process, the County can apply for grants from the State each year to help fund and coordinate its OHV program. This year, over \$27 million is available for allocation to federal, state and county agencies.

View the applications online at OHMVR's website at <http://ohv.parks.ca.gov/>. Copies are also available at the Riverside County Planning Department located at 4080 Lemon Street, 9th Floor, Riverside, CA 92502 or on the Planning website at <http://www.tlma.co.riverside.ca.us/planning/index.html>.

The draft 2010 County of Riverside Planning Department Grant Application includes the preparation of a draft site development plan and the associated environmental analysis of establishing an OHV Recreation Park on public and private lands located in Eastern Coachella Valley. The environmental document will determine potential impacts of the proposal and appropriate mitigation measures to lessen impacts to less than significant levels.

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